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## CABLE? OR ROBBERY?

Thurston's brief on Spaulding's cable scheme presents some jewels of thought and expression. Here are some:

"Experience has demonstrated that the men at the head of both the Canadian and the Southern Colonial governments, are bold, brainy, resourceful and capable of overcoming obstacles far greater than those now in the way of the Pacific cable; but it seems to be a reasonable inference to draw from the foregoing facts, that, unless there is a radical change in the attitude of the Imperial Government toward the enterprise, there will at least be a considerable delay in the consummation of that project.

"The prospects of cable construction by the French Cable Company are not regarded as encouraging. Of construction by the United States Government the following is said:

"Although the proposition to construct a government cable from California to Hawaii secured such a strong majority at the last session of the Senate and such a large minority in the House of Representatives; and although the next House of Representatives is overwhelmingly Republican, and the measure is practically a Republican one, the Republicans in both Houses voting in favor of the measure almost to a man, I do not think there is much probability of a cable being laid by this means within several years, if at all.

Mr reasons for this opinion are:

"First.—That there has for years existed and still exists a strong sentiment in all parties of the United States against government ownership of cables, telegraphs, railroads, etc. There has of late been a rapid development of a contrary sentiment, but it cannot yet be claimed to be the dominant sentiment upon the subject. It is of my personal knowledge that several strong advocates of the recent proposition to lay a government cable to Honolulu would personally much have preferred some other means of accomplishing the object, a subsidy or guarantee for example, but advocated the measure on the ground of its patent necessity and the fact that no other medium appeared to be feasible at that time.

"Notwithstanding therefore the strong support given to the proposition at the last session of Congress, it is not at all certain that the next Congress will support a similar measure, especially if a private company, with any plausible prospects of success in laying the cable, applies for a subsidy to assist in so doing. There is little doubt in my mind that the application at the last Congress for a charter was injurious to the government ownership proposition, although it was not intended so to be, and although there was no prospect of early action by such company.

"Second.—From Mr. Cleveland's past expressions on the subject, I think it not all improbable that he would veto a proposition for the government construction of the cable, if not a subsidy to a company.

"Even though a government appropriation should be made, Congress does not meet until next December, and the appropriation bills are not passed until the end of the session which does not usually end until some time between June and

September; this involves a delay of fifteen or eighteen months before we will know whether the proposition is to be favored or rejected.

"The proposition to construct the Nicaragua canal either by the government directly or through a subsidized company has been for years before the American public; has received the enthusiastic support of Legislature, Chambers of Commerce and individuals throughout the country; has been favorably recommended by the presidents of both Houses of Congress to which it has been referred, and yet year after year legislation to carry out the proposition has failed of enactment.

"With this example before our eyes we should not spare any effort on our part because of expectation that the cable may be constructed by the United States Government without action on the part of Hawaii.

"Construction by an American cable company appears to be the most feasible plan.

"In closing I would call attention to the fact that the present cable to Australia is an extremely profitable property."

No comment is necessary. The man's own words convict him. And the sooner the highway robbery of the franchises which belong to the people of these islands is put an end to the better. What honest man can afford to support schemes like these?

## TOPICS OF THE DAY.

Jealousy among newspaper men is no good. It never makes for public or private welfare. And only injures the public good.

Said Marshal Hitchcock, referring to the recent "trouble," "that night when the Attorney General came down he was perfectly dazed." No wonder we were able with the Attorney-General's assistance to suppress him. Whoever heard the like of such criticism by a subordinate of his official superior?

L. A. Thurston was quite eloquent in the police court this morning when he appeared for the defense in a trifling case. He won his case but when he left the court room he was heard to murmur that he preferred the old style lawyers to the noisy and never-come-to-the-point windbags who now try to hold the attention of the court. Mr. Thurston wisely lost the argument for the defense. He left.

It is no wonder that the sharpshooters hesitated between going under the Marshal's department and staying with the "pretty clothes" soldiers. Both the ex-Marshall and the new one have more faith in the ordinary citizen—as enrolled in the Citizens' Guard—than they have in the ordinary everyday garden variety of soldier—at \$40 a month and board, lodging and washing. The only wonder we have is that the sharpshooters didn't take the last offer.

The cable steal does not go through as proposed. If a reasonable share is left for the people, and proper treatment ensured them, and in every way the exclusive business is knocked on the head, possibly some arrangement might be consented to by the Hawaiian public. But it is necessary to guard against anything with Z. S. Spaulding at the front of it. And situated as we are even "the best government Hawaii ever had" doesn't know exactly whether to tie strings on the new proposition or whether to tell it to "go home and put on its Sunday bonnet."

The ex-Marshall reminds one of the villyun—the heavy villyun—in the transpoutine melodrama. Clad

in a pair of immense top boots and wrapped in a cloak of portentous folds with a sombrero shading his ambi-angular smile he passes across the stage, murmuring in hoarse but determined tones, "Bee-ludd! Bee-ludd!! Bee-ludd!!! Let me wash me hands in gore. Take no prisoners. No! No! No!!! That would be to give away my incompetence! They might bring damage suits!! Kill 'em all. That is the only way—to save me and my authority from ruin and disgrace. Gee Whillikins! Can it be that recreant rebels dare face my eagle eye (which one?) and yet live to claim damages? Where is my coffee plantation and other private business on Hawaii? I will hie me there." And he did—he did—yes, he did.

There is a new lawyer in town. What his name is we cannot say but we must express our surprise at an expression used by him in an adultery case this morning in the police court. He told Judge Perry that "whenever a man and a woman go together into a room and close the door and remain there for, say ten minutes, in the eyes of the law adultery has been committed." It is pleasant to state that L. A. Thurston, who appeared for the other side, had left before this delivery of buncombe. It is indeed fortunate that even Judge Perry did not uphold this remarkable theory of the new lawyer. If he had, where would our doctors, lawyers and female typewriters be? Legal questions before our courts in the future would deal entirely with the new woman—and not with-Neumann.

The Senate met to-day. They needn't as far as doing business was concerned. They learned by meeting that their President W. C. Wilder had to interview the Cabinet on the cable bill. So they had to have twenty minutes' recess on which the newspaper men had to vote. After reassembling they learned that the President had signed the Appropriation Bill amounting to \$56,750. Also that he had deigned to sign the joint resolutions providing for investigation into the liquor traffic, the Pali road, the beef trust, the land transfer system, designs for seals, annexation, electric transit and auditing accounts. (What more do you want to investigate?) The Labor Commission, rights of way over other's land, currency, general registration, and cable enabling acts were reported as ready to present to the President. And then they took a recess till 1:30.—Time!!!

The Reverend Sereno E. Bishop, editor of the Friend, is out in public again. This time he comes out in the Bulletin columns because that journal has lashed his hyde into as great a frenzy as he did a horse's a long time ago. That would not surprise us. What does is the fact that an alleged—reverend—worshipper of the God of Truth comes out and states over his signature that he states things on "the authority of 'the Royalist sheet, THE INDEPENDENT.'" We are glad that the so-called "reverend" pays five cents a day to read our paper—unless, indeed, he buys it at a restaurant—but we deliberately, positively, and with all possible Christianity in the face of this ass-in-the-lion's-skin Christian, publish that we are not a royalist sheet. Nor anything but what our motto demands, our oath obligates, and the Constitution requires. The hoary-headed animal-abuser who allows himself—and has

allowed before—"the privilege of lying—is welcome to all the benefit this world will bring. The next world will root it out of him. We are deeply gratified, however, to find that the snow-capped liar thinks we are so intimate with President Cleveland as to be aware of his intentions. It shows that—unknown and insignificant as we have supposed ourselves to be—he, and the other blasphemously irreverend idiots of his ilk, credit us with greater powers, more far-reaching knowledge, and higher influence than even an INDEPENDENT man could dream of.

By James F. Morgan.

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## Timely Topics.



Honolulu, July 22, 1895.

It cannot be denied that the war cloud which hangs over the world at present is getting darker and darker. It is a historical fact that the end of each century has always been fraught with bloodshed and strife, internally as well as externally. The great powers of Europe to-day are making and unmaking alliances of all kinds. The fact is that diplomacy to-day is using every means to postpone the day when the crash must come and gain time for the different countries to prepare themselves for the gigantic struggle which will and must take place before the present generation dates its letters in the year 1900. Turkey is threatened from all sides. The Russian bear is extending his claws and licking his blood-thirsty tongue towards the East and South in anticipation of gain. The passive and cold brother nations who inhabit the Scandinavian peninsula are now glaring ferociously ready to spring at each other's throats. Germany, under its impetuous, indiscreet imperial master, is drifting into the deceptive maelstrom of conquest, and war, in which all past experience, all knowledge gained through the horrors of war are forgotten, and where only false sentiment and sham patriotism are ruling.

And while the giants get ready for the great war their leaders have realized one thing, and that is, that no army will have a show, no militia a chance, except provided with the indispensable bicycle. And no wonder that the monarchical countries of Europe prefer the "Monarch" to any other kind, and supply their "wheeling cavalry" with that favorite brand.

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